

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A terminal, comprising:

2 a terminal connecting portion, having a tubular shape, and receiving a
3 mating terminal;

4 a wire press-contacting portion, including a press-contacting blade for
5 press-contacting a wire, and the press-contacting blade having a blade width
6 larger than a width of the terminal connecting portion; and

7 an interconnecting portion, connecting the terminal connection portion
8 and a wire press-contacting portion,

9 wherein a press-contacting direction in which the wire is
10 press-contacted with the wire press-contacting portion is parallel to a terminal
11 fitting direction of the terminal connecting portion.

1 2. The terminal as set forth in claim 1, wherein the interconnecting
2 portion has a press-contact receiving face for receiving a press-contacting
3 force acting on the press-contacting blade; and

4 wherein the press-contact receiving face abuts against an inner wall
5 of a connector housing so that the press-contacting force is received by the
6 inner wall of the connector housing through the press-contact receiving face
7 when the wire is press-contacted with the press-contacting blade.

1 3. The terminal as set forth in claim 2, wherein the press-contact
2 receiving face is formed at a rear side of the press-contacting blade.

1 4. The terminal as set forth in claim 1, wherein the press-contacting
2 blade is formed by a flat plate having a groove with which the wire is
3 press-contacted.

1 5. The terminal as set forth in claim 1, wherein the wire press-contacting
2 portion is spaced a prescribed distance from the terminal connecting portion in
3 a direction perpendicular to the press-contacting direction.

1 6. A connector, comprising:
2 a plurality of terminals; and
3 a connector housing, receiving the terminals, each of the terminals,
4 including:

5 a terminal connecting portion, having a tubular shape, and
6 receiving a mating terminal;

7 a wire press-contacting portion, including a press-contacting
8 blade for press-contacting a wire, and the press-contacting blade having a
9 blade width larger than a width of the terminal connecting portion; and

10 an interconnecting portion, connecting the terminal
11 connection portion and a wire press-contacting portion,

12 wherein a press-contacting direction in which the wire is
13 press-contacted with the wire press-contacting portion is parallel to a terminal
14 fitting direction of the terminal connecting portion; and

15 wherein the terminal connecting portions of the terminals are received
16 in the connector housing in parallel so that the press-contacting blades are
17 arranged in a staggered manner.

1 7. The connector as set forth in claim 6, wherein the interconnecting
2 portion has a press-contact receiving face which abuts against an inner wall of
3 the connector housing so that a press-contacting force acting on the
4 press-contacting blade is received by the inner wall of the connector housing
5 when the wire is press-contacted with the press-contacting blade; and

6 wherein the connector housing has a support jig-inserting portion into
7 which a support jig for receiving the press-contacting force through the inner
8 face of the connector housing is inserted.

1 8. A connector, comprising:

2 a housing; and

3 a terminal, received in the housing, and having a wire connecting
4 portion which connects a wire and an extension portion which is extended from
5 the wire connecting portion,

6 wherein the extension portion has a conductive portion which is
7 formed in a direction intersecting a direction in which the terminal is inserted
8 into the housing; and

9 wherein the housing has an exposure hole through which at least part
10 of the conductive portion is exposed to an exterior.

1 9. The connector as set forth in claim 8, wherein the exposure hole is
2 open in a direction in which the housing is fitted into a mating housing.

1 10. The connector as set forth in claim 8, wherein the conductive portion
2 is electrically connected to the wire through the wire connecting portion.

1 11. The connector as set forth in claim 8, wherein the extension portion is
2 comprised of a conductive plate; and
3 wherein the conductive portion is formed by folding the conductive
4 plate.